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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL PENETRATION AMERICAN EMBASSY MOSCOW

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1. RESIDENT TSO HAS SURVEYED NORTH WING, CENTRAL WING, AND SOUTH WING FROM ROOFTOP AND CONSULTED WITH OTHERS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION. NONE OF THE CHIMNEYS ARE SUITABLE FOR SIMILAR INSTALLATIONS BECAUSE OF THEIR SMALL SIZE. ALSO MOST "CHIMNEYS" ACTUALLY APPEAR TO BE AIR SHAFTS SINCE THEY ARE COMPOSED OF MULTIPLE SHAFTS EACH ROUGHLY FOUR INCHES SQUARE. ALSO, FIRE RESULTED IN COMPLETE GUTTING OF FLOOR EIGHT AND FOUR INTERNAL AIR VENTS (ROUGHLY 20 INCH SQUARE) WERE INSPECTED AND SEALED AT THAT TIME. THESE VENTS STILL WERE BLOCKED AT EACH FLOOR BY STEEL GRILLWORK THAT WE SUSPECT WAS THE ORIGINAL SOVIET REINFORCING WIRES FOR THE PRECAST PLANKS USED TO FORM THE FLOORS.

2. PER PARA 9 OF REFTTEL A WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH OTHER ELEMENTS IN EMBASSY ABOUT MONITORING OF MUTS SIGNAL. STATE EQUIPMENT IN USE CONSISTS OF TWO MODE MONITORS (A,B,C), TWO CONTINUOUS POWER DENSITY MONITORS, AND HP 8551 SPECTRUM ANALYZER LOCATED AT ROOFTOP LEVEL. THIS IS
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ALL THE EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE AT POST. RESIDENT TSO HAS OBSERVED NO CHANGE IN NORMAL PATTERN OF ACTIVITY, NOR IN GROSS SPECTRAL SHAPE AS OBSERVED ON 8551.

3. FRANKFURT TSO TEAM IS PRESENTLY CARRYING OUT PRELIMINARY MEASUREMENT OF ANTENNA BANDWIDTH AND DIRECTIVITY. RESULTS WILL BE REPORTED ASAP.

4. PACKAGE CONTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS AND SITE PLAN OF TUNNEL ENTERED THE MOSCOW POUCH TUESDAY A.M. IT WILL LEAVE MOSCOW FOR VIENNA BY OS-602 DEPARTING ABOUT 1700 TODAY. REGISTRY NUMBER IS 3646307 AND SY/T IS ADDRESSEE.

5. AT APPROXIMATELY 1630, MAY 29, A SOVIET UNIFORMED MILITIAMAN WAS OBSERVED ON THE ROOF OF THE APARTMENT BUILDING WHICH JOINS THE EMBASSY'S SOUTH WING ON THE WEST SIDE. THE MILITIAMAN WALKED TOWARDS THE SOUTH WING AND LOOKED OVER THE EDGE OF THEIR BUILDING AND DOWN AS IF INSPECTING THE EXACT POSITIONING/LOCATION OF THE CHIMNEY. AFTER A FEW MINUTES, HE WALKED BACK TO A DORMER AND DISAPPEARED INTO THE SOVIET BUILDING ATTIC. AT THE POINT WHERE THE SOVIET WAS STANDING THERE IS A SMALL ROOF ABOVE A PORTION OF THE FOURTH FLOOR APARTMENT OF THE SOUTH WING. OUR INTEREST WAS PEAKED BY THE SOVIET'S ACTIVITY AND AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED TO LOCATE AN ACCESS TO THE ATTIC ABOVE OUR APARTMENT. NO INTERNAL MEANS TO GAIN ACCESS TO THIS SPACE WAS DISCOVERED. SUBSEQUENTLY, A RESIDENT SEABEE WAS PLACED ONTO THE ROOF ABOVE OUR APARTMENT AND ENTERED THE ATTIC SPACE. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT THIS ATTIC SPACE IS OR HAD BEEN USED FOR ANY TYPE OF SURVEILLANCE. MANY PIGEONS WERE OBSERVED IN THE ATTIC AND ABUNDANT EVIDENCE THAT THEY (THE PIGEONS) HAD BEEN THERE FOR SOME TIME WAS NOTED.

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6. AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL B, PARA 3, AT 1255, FRIDAY, MAY 26, A VISUAL SIGHTING OCCURRED APPROXIMATELY HALFWAY DOWN THE TUNNEL BETWEEN RESIDENT SEABEE AND OPPOSITION. RESIDENT SEABEE HAS ADVISED THAT ONE SOVIET WAS LYING IN THE TUNNEL JUST AHEAD OF THE METAL BARRIER. ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL'S HANDS WERE OBSERVED COMING OUT OF THE SMALL OPENING DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL C, PARA 6. SEABEE ASSUMED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS INSPECTING THE JUMBLE OF CABLES WHICH WERE LOCATED ON THE FLOOR OF THE TUNNEL IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE METAL BARRIER. DUE TO HIS HASTE TO DEPART THE AREA NO ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE. MATLOCK

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